# The STAR Student Report

USING ASSESSMENT TO HELP STUDENTS LEARN

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Each year, the STAR Program measures your child's progress in meeting California's Content Standards, which describe what all students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

This report shows your child's scores on the California Standards Tests, as well as on the California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey (CAT/6 Survey). The report also gives suggestions for how you can continue to help your child learn.

Sincerely,

JACK O'CONNELL,

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

STUDENT #: XXXXX
GRADE: 9

DATE OF BIRTH: XX/XX/XX
TEST DATE: Spring 2004

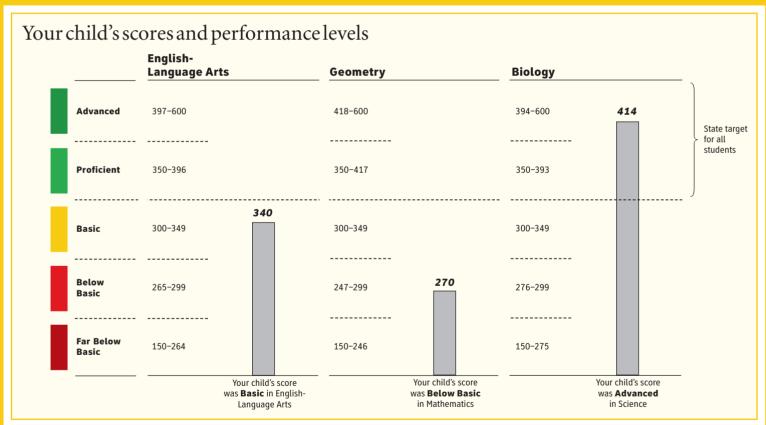
FOR THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF:

**MY STUDENT** 

My Address My City, CA 12345

SCHOOL: MY SCHOOL DISTRICT: MY DISTRICT

## Your child's overall results on the California Standards Tests



Find complete STAR results at http://star.cde.ca.gov and your school's Accountability Report Card at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/sa or ask for a copy of the SARC at your child's school

## How to help your child

Review this report with your child and your child's teacher.

Provide your child with a quiet place to study each day.



Show an interest in your child's progress throughout the school year.



# Your child's strengths and needs based on these tests

#### English-Language Arts GRADE 9

CALIFORNIA STANDARDS		YOUR CHILD'S SCORE (♠) COMPARED TO SCORE OF <b>PROFICIENT STUDENTS</b>		
	LOWER	ABOUT THE SAME	HIGHER	
Reading				
Word Analysis and Vocabulary Development		<b>♦</b>		
Reading Comprehension	•			
Literary Response and Analysis	•			
Writing				
Written Conventions	•			
Writing Strategies		<b>*</b>		

In the chart above, your child's score is compared to the scores of students whose overall performance level on the test was Proficient. Proficient is the state target for all students. Based on your child's test results, one content area to focus on is **Reading Comprehension**.

#### Geometry

	YOUR CHILD'S SCORE (♦) COMPARED TO SCORE OF <b>PROFICIENT STUDENTS</b>		
CALIFORNIA STANDARDS	LOWER	ABOUT THE SAME	HIGHER
Logic and Geometric Proofs	•		
Volume and Area Formulas	•		
Angle Relationships, Constructions, and Lines		•	
Trigonometry	•		

In the chart above, your child's score is compared to the scores of students whose overall performance level on the test was Proficient. Proficient is the state target for all students. Based on your child's test results, one content area to focus on is **Logic and Geometric Proofs**.

#### Biology

	YOUR CHILD'S SCORE (♠) COMPARED TO SCORE OF <b>PROFICIENT STUDENTS</b>		
CALIFORNIA STANDARDS	LOWER	ABOUT THE SAME	HIGHER
Investigation and Experimentation			•
Cell Biology		+	
Genetics			•
Ecology and Evolution			•
Physiology		+	

In the chart above, your child's score is compared to the scores of students whose overall performance level on the test was Proficient. Proficient is the state target for all students. Based on your child's test results, one content area to focus on is **Physiology**.

#### Additional Resources

California's content standards for English-language arts, mathematics, science, and history-social science describe what all students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade level or high school course. The California Standards Tests assess how well students in California public schools are acquiring the skills and knowledge specified in these standards. There are separate California Content Standards booklets for each of the four content areas. The booklets are available at www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss on the Internet.

There are two versions of the standards booklets. To use the PDF version, you need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, there are directions for downloading it or you may select Text under the content standards you wish to review. After you select Text or PDF, a list of grade levels and courses will be displayed. Select the grade level or course you wish to review. Each booklet also includes an introduction that provides an overview of the standards.

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### **California Reading List**

#### Your child's California Reading List Number is 3

To find recommended books based on your child's reading performance on the CAT/6 Survey, go to http://star.cde.ca.gov and click on "California Reading List." This list provides titles of books that your child should be able to read independently. It includes different types of books, such as fiction, nonfiction, plays, and poetry.

Encourage your child to read at home and help your child find books of interest. Strong reading skills are critical for success in all school subjects.

#### National comparison

As part of the STAR Program, your child took a test called the CAT/6 Survey, which shows how your child performed in basic skills as compared to a sample of students tested throughout the United States. The graphs below use "percentile ranks" to show your child's performance. For example, a percentile rank of 40 in reading means that your child scored as well as or better than 40% of students tested in the sample. The lowest possible percentile rank is 1, while the highest possible percentile rank is 99.

